

IV. REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the specification has been objected to for formal matters. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are objected to for formal matters. Claims 4-6, 9-13, 15 and 18 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant gratefully appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office has objected to the specification for allegedly having a formal deficiency. Applicant has amended para. [0031] of the specification to replace "(FIG. 1)" with "(FIG. 2B)" in accordance with the Office's suggestion. Applicant therefore requests that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office has objected to claims 1-3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 for allegedly having formal deficiencies. Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 in accordance with the Office's suggestions for curing the formal deficiencies. Applicant therefore requests that the Office withdraw the objections.

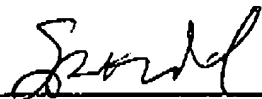
With regard to the Office's comments regarding allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully agrees with the Office's assessment to the extent that the Office states that the claims are allowable as written. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

V. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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